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No. 846

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR RAMBO,

FEBRUARY 21, 1907.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND QUARANTINE.

AN ACT

TO INSURE THE BETTER EDUCATION OF PRACTITIONERS OF CHIROPRACTIC,
AND TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE THEREOF IN THE STATE OF CALI-
FORNIA AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE
SAME.

*The people of the State of California, represented in senate and assembly,
do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage
2 in the practice of chiropractic in the State of California with-
3 out a license from the board of chiropractic examiners duly
4 authorized and appointed under the provisions of this act.

SEC. 2. A board of chiropractic examiners of five reputable
2 practicing and ethical chiropractors, residing in the State of
3 California who shall have been actively engaged in the practice
4 of chiropractic in this state for at least one year immediately
5 preceding the date of their election upon said board, is hereby
6 created.

SEC. 3. That the members of said board of examiners shall
2 be elected by the Association of Chiropractors of this state
3 subject to the approval of the governor of California and shall

4 hold office for two years and until their successors are elected
5 and qualified, *provided*, that of the members of said board
6 first elected under this act two shall be elected for the term of
7 one year and three shall be elected for the term of two years.
8 And all vacancies in said board shall be filled by the Associa-
9 tion of Chiropractors within thirty days after such vacancy
10 occurs, with the approval of the governor.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of said board to organize by
2 the election from its membership a president, a secretary, and
3 a treasurer; to meet at least twice each year, once in San
4 Francisco and once in Los Angeles, or at such time and place
5 as the board may designate, for the purpose of transacting the
6 business of the board, or on the call of the president of the
7 board, or of not less than three (3) members thereof; a written
8 notice of the time, place and object of such called meeting
9 shall be mailed by the secretary to all the members thereof not
10 parties to the call, at least fifteen (15) days before the day
11 of meeting; to examine all applicants for license to practice
12 chiropractic; according to the provisions of this act; to collect
13 and apply all fees as directed by this act; to keep a book
14 showing the names of all persons to whom licenses have been
15 granted by said board to practice chiropractic, and such other
16 books as may be necessary to plainly show all the acts and
17 proceedings of said board; to have and to use a seal bearing
18 the name, "Board of Chiropractic Examiners of California".

SEC. 5. Any person holding a diploma from a recognized
2 college of chiropractic, or who was engaged in the practice of
3 chiropractic in the State of California previous to the passage
4 of this act, shall within six (6) months thereafter, cause his
5 residence and place of business to be registered with the board
6 of chiropractic examiners of this state and pay the fee herein-
7 after provided whereupon the board shall issue a license duly
8 signed by a majority of said board, and such license shall be
9 prima facie evidence of the right of the holder thereof to
10 practice chiropractic in the State of California.

SEC. 6. Out of the funds coming into the possession of the
2 board, each member of said board may receive as compensa-

3 tion ten (10) dollars for each day actually spent in attending
4 to the duties of his office, and mileage at the rate of five (5)
5 cents per mile for all distances actually traveled in going to
6 and coming from the meetings of said board. Said expenses
7 shall be paid from the fees and fines received by the said board
8 under the provisions of this act, and no part of the salary or
9 other expenses of the said board shall ever be paid out of the
10 state treasury.

• SEC. 7. At any regular meeting of said board of examiners
2 any person may be examined by said board as to his knowl-
3 edge and skill in chiropractic; said examination to be elemen-
4 tary and practical in character to test the applicants fitness to
5 practice the science of chiropractic; and shall include the fol-
6 lowing subjects: Anatomy, physiology, chemistry, hygiene,
7 hydropathy, pathology, diagnosis, symptomatology, physical
8 culture and chiropractic technique, and if he passes the
9 requisite qualifications a license shall be issued to him by said
10 board in accordance with this act. Said board may also
11 endorse as satisfactory, diplomas from any reputable college of
12 chiropractic that maintains a standard of education accord-
13 ing to this act upon the holder producing satisfactory evidence
14 to the board of his right to the same and of his moral char-
15 acter, and shall issue license to that effect within ten (10) days
16 thereafter.

SEC. 8. Within six (6) months after the time at which this
2 act takes effect it shall be the duty of every person who is now
3 engaged in the practice of chiropractic in the State of Cali-
4 fornia to cause his name and residence, or place of business
5 to be registered with said board of examiners, who shall keep
6 a book for that purpose. The statement of every such person
7 shall be verified under oath before any officer authorized to
8 administer oaths, in such manner as may be prescribed by
9 the board of examiners. Every person who shall so register
10 with said board as a practitioner of chiropractic shall receive
11 a license to that effect, and may continue to practice as such
12 without incurring any of the liabilities or penalties provided in
13 this act and shall pay to the board of examiners a registration

14 fee of eleven (11) dollars. It shall be the duty of the board
15 of examiners to forward to the county clerk of each county
16 in the state a certified list of the names of all persons residing
17 in his county, who have registered in accordance with the
18 provisions of this act, and it shall be the duty of all county
19 clerks to register such names in a book to be kept for that
20 purpose upon payment to him by said board of examiners of
21 one dollar for every person so registered.

SEC. 9. That said board of examiners shall not issue any
2 license to any person to practice chiropractic after the expira-
3 tion of six months from and after the passage of this act unless
4 he be a person of good moral character and a graduate of a
5 college of chiropractic in which the course of study covers a
6 period of at least twenty months and in which the course
7 includes all the subjects mentioned in section seven of this act.

SEC. 10. Every person except those referred to in section
2 eight of this act applying to the board of chiropractic exam-
3 iners for a license to practice chiropractic shall pay a fee of
4 twenty (20) dollars, which shall in no case be refunded.

SEC. 11. All persons shall be understood to be practicing
2 chiropractic within the meaning of this act, who shall for fee,
3 salary or reward paid directly or indirectly, either to himself
4 or to some other person, display a sign, or in any way advertise
5 himself as a chiropractor; but nothing in this act contained
6 shall prohibit bona fide students of chiropractic from operating
7 in the clinical departments or laboratories of reputable chiro-
8 practic colleges. Nothing in the provisions of this act shall be
9 construed to permit the practice of chiropractic by any
10 unlicensed person under the cover of the name of a regular
11 practitioner of chiropractic.

SEC. 12. Chiropractors shall observe and be subject to all
2 state and municipal regulations relating to the control of
3 contagious diseases; the reporting and certifying of births
4 and deaths; and all matters pertaining to public health, the
5 same as physicians of other schools, and such reports shall be

6 accepted by the officers or department to whom the same is
7 made.

SEC. 13. The science of removing the cause of disease in
2 the human body by adjustment, commonly known as chiro-
3 practic, is hereby declared not to be the practice of medicine,
4 surgery or osteopathy.

SEC. 14. Any person, firm or corporation, violating any of
2 the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a mis-
3 demeanor.

SEC. 15. This act shall take effect from and after its
2 passage.